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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Mark Ritchart et. al. Conf No. 6087  
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For: Method and Apparatus for Automated Biopsy And Collection of Soft Tissue

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO NONFINAL ACTION DATED OCTOBER 28, 2009**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.